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Information for Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Voters

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GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS

The 2006 Primary Election saw more than 10 times the number of ballots returned by military and overseas citizens than the 6 ballots that they returned in the 2002 Primary Election. The bad news is that the number of ballots returned as undeliverable was very high.

Please send us a new FPCA whenever you change your address. This will allow us to send you a ballot whenever we are required to do so.

For National Guard and Reserve members, if you vote while deployed tell us when you return home. This way we can remove you from the Military and Overseas Program. This is important because if we mail a ballot to your deployed address after you return home, the Election Officers at your Polling Place have to check with the Department before letting you to vote.

YOUR BALLOT IS DIFFERENT

Those of you who voted with us in the past, will notice that your ballot looks a lot like those SAT or some other school tests that you used to take. Starting with the 2006 Primary Election, Delaware will count absentee ballots centrally in each county using a scanner. Completely fill in the oval to the right of each of your choices. ***NO Xs, checkmarks or red ink.***

FOR OVERSEAS CITIZENS who are only eligible to vote for Federal Offices. The Department has changed it's records to show that you are registered to vote at our office. This was necessary due to our central count system as well as to deal with other administrative and operational issue.

Continue to give us your last address before you went overseas.



WE LOST TWO ENVELOPES....

Delaware enacted legislation that eliminated two envelopes from the Absentee process. You will receive only one envelope for use in returning your ballot. **Please seal the envelope and sign the back of envelope before mailing it back to the Department.** We hope that this change will make voting by Absentee Ballot less confusing as well as less stressful.

WHERE WE SEND YOUR BALLOT

The Department has implemented a program to make sure that the address to which we are mailing your ballot conforms as much as possible to local address standards. This often involved reordering the information that you had given us. When addresses do not conform to standards, your mail is often delayed. We used several sources, including the Royal Mail, Canada Post and Universal Postal Union WEB sites, in doing this work.

SEND US AN FPCA EVERY YEAR or whenever you move so that your records are always up to date and to guarantee that you will receive your ballot. Also, if you establish residence in another state, please let us know so we can cancel your registration.

Contact us: Phone: (302) 577.3464, **FAX:** (302) 577.6545 or **email:** absentee@state.de.us

FEDERAL BALLOT

Many people who live overseas believe that they can only vote in Presidential Elections. This is not true.

If you tell us that you are temporarily overseas, we will send you the full ballot for which you are eligible to vote.

If you tell us that you are residing outside of the U. S. indefinitely, we will then send you a ballot with just Federal Offices.

If you are still confused, contact us for additional information.

Find the status of your ballot by calling (302) 577.3464 and following the prompts.

